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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/617,377; Filed: July 11, 2003
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Culture Reagents Produced Thereby**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

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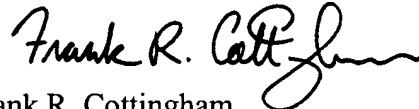
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Respectfully submitted,

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